

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A file transferring system for transferring content data recorded in a first recording medium to a second recording medium, comprising:

a recording and reproducing apparatus for recording data to the second recording medium and reproducing data from the second recording medium;

a content data supplying unit for supplying content data; and

a content data managing unit for outputting content data supplied from the content data supplying unit to the recording and reproducing apparatus,

wherein the content data managing unit has:

recording means for correlating content data supplied from the content data supplying unit with a content identifier unique to each of content data and recording the correlated content data and content identifier to the first recording medium;

transfer management information updating means for updating transfer managing information with which content data that are recorded to the second recording medium are managed, the content data being supplied so that the content identifier and a recording medium identifier unique to each second recording medium are correlated;

reservation means for reserving selected content data for recording on a selected second recording medium with reservation data; and

controlling means for receiving the recording medium identifier of the second recording medium loaded in the recording and reproducing apparatus, data of the second recording medium being reproduced by the recording and reproducing apparatus, and for controlling content data transferred to the recording and reproducing apparatus so that the content data recorded in the first recording medium is recorded to the second recording medium in accordance with the reservation data.

Claim 2 (Original): The file transferring system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the content data recorded in the first recording medium are managed so that the number of permissible copy times of each of the content data that are copied to other recording mediums is restricted, and wherein when content data are transferred from the first recording medium to the second recording medium, the number of permissible copy times is decremented.

Claim 3 (Original): The file transferring system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the second recording medium to and from which data is recorded and reproduced by the recording and reproducing apparatus is loadable and unloadable thereto and therefrom.

Claim 4 (Original): The file transferring system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the transfer management information contains transfer reservation information, and wherein the transfer management information updating means is configured to correlate content data supplied from the content data supplying unit with the record medium identifier of the second recording medium to which the content data are transferred and update the transfer reservation information of the transfer management information.

Claim 5 (Original): The file transferring system as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of the recording and reproducing apparatus and the content data managing unit has communicating means for communicating with each other, and wherein when it has been determined that the recording and reproducing apparatus and the content data managing unit are connected by the communicating means, the content data are transferred.

Claim 6 (Original): The file transferring system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the transfer management information updating means is configured to reserve the transfer of

content data to the second recording medium in which content data has not been recorded and whose recording medium identifier has not been registered in the transfer management information.

Claim 7 (Original): The file transferring system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the transfer management information contains recordable capacity information of the second recording medium, wherein when the transfer of content data from the first recording medium to the second recording medium is reserved, the recording capacitance of the reserved content data is compared with the recordable capacitance of the second recording medium managed in accordance with the transfer management information, and wherein if the recordable capacitance of the second recording medium is insufficient, a reservation for which the content data is deleted from the second recording medium is performed so as to increase the recordable capacity of the second recording medium.

Claim 8 (Original): The file transferring system as set forth in claim 7, wherein the content data recorded in the first recording medium is managed so that the number of permissible copy times of each of content data that are copied to other recording mediums is restricted, and wherein when content data transferred from the first recording medium and recorded in the second recording medium are deleted, the number of permissible copy times is incremented.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A file transferring method for transferring content data recorded in a first recording medium to a second recording medium, comprising the steps of:

correlating content data supplied from a content data supplying unit with a content identifier unique to each of content data and recording the correlated content data and content identifier to the first recording medium;

updating transfer managing information with which content data that are recorded to the second recording medium are managed, the content data being supplied so that the content identifier and a recording medium identifier unique to each second recording medium are correlated;

reserving selected content data for recording on a selected second recording medium with reservation data, said reservation data included in the transfer managing information; and

controlling content data transferred to a recording and reproducing apparatus so that the content data recorded in the first recording medium is recorded to the second recording medium in accordance with the recording medium identifier of the second recording medium and the transfer management information that are received.

Claim 10 (Original): The file transferring method as set forth in claim 9, wherein the content data recorded in the first recording medium are managed so that the number of permissible copy times of each of the content data that are copied to other recording mediums is restricted, and wherein when content data are transferred from the first recording medium to the second recording medium, the number of permissible copy times is decremented.

Claim 11 (Original): The file transferring method as set forth in claim 9, wherein content data supplied from the content data supplying unit are correlated with the record medium identifier of the second recording medium to which the content data are transferred and the transfer reservation information of the transfer management information is updated.

Claim 12 (Original): The file transferring method as set forth in claim 9, wherein the second recording medium is loadable and unloadable to and from the recording and reproducing apparatus for recording and reproducing data to and from the second recording medium.

Claim 13 (Original): The file transferring method as set forth in claim 9, wherein when the second recording medium is recognized by the recording and reproducing apparatus, the file is transferred.

Claim 14 (Original): The file transferring method as set forth in claim 9, wherein the transfer of content data is reserved to the second recording medium in which content data has not been recorded and whose recording medium identifier has not been registered in the transfer management information.

Claim 15 (Original): The file transferring method as set forth in claim 9, wherein the transfer management information contains recordable capacity information of the second recording medium, wherein when the transfer of content data from the first recording medium to the second recording medium is reserved, the recording capacitance of the reserved content data is compared with the recordable capacitance of the second recording medium managed in accordance with the transfer management information, and wherein if the recordable capacitance of the second recording medium is insufficient, a reservation for which the content data is deleted from the second recording medium is performed so as to increase the recordable capacity of the second recording medium.

Claim 16 (Original): The file transferring method as set forth in claim 15, wherein the content data recorded in the first recording medium is managed so that the number of permissible copy times of each of content data that are copied to other recording mediums is restricted, and wherein when content data transferred from the first recording medium and recorded in the second recording medium are deleted, the number of permissible copy times is incremented.

Claim 17 (New): A file transferring system for transferring content data recorded in a first recording medium to a second recording medium, comprising:

a recording and reproducing apparatus configured to record data to the second recording medium and to reproduce data from the second recording medium;

a content data supplying unit configured to supply content data; and

a content data managing unit configured to output content data supplied from the content data supplying unit to the recording and reproducing apparatus,

wherein the content data managing unit has:

a recording unit configured to correlate content data supplied from the content data supplying unit with a content identifier unique to each of content data and recording the correlated content data and content identifier to the first recording medium;

a transfer management information updating unit configured to update transfer managing information with which content data that are recorded to the second recording medium are managed, the content data being supplied so that the content identifier and a recording medium identifier unique to each second recording medium are correlated;

a reservation unit configured to reserve selected content data for recording on a selected second recording medium with reservation data;

a classification unit configured to classify a content data into a genre and associate each content identifier with a corresponding genre; and

a controller configured to receive the recording medium identifier of the second recording medium loaded in the recording and reproducing apparatus, data of the second recording medium being reproduced by the recording and reproducing apparatus, and to control content data transferred to the recording and reproducing apparatus so that the content data recorded in the first recording medium is recorded to the second recording medium in accordance with the reservation data.